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# SMASHING VICTORIES ARE HAMMERED OUT ON AMERICAN, RUSSIAN FRONTS

## RUSSIAN TROOPS IN SMASHING CAMPAIGN TO REACH GERMANY

SURGE ACROSS VISTULA, CAPTURE BIALYSTOK, ENTER BREST LITOVSK

LONDON, July 27.—(P)—Red army troops stormed across the Vistula river today while Soviet forces on their flanks captured five important German bases—Daugavpils, Rezekne, Bialystok, Stanislawow and Lwow—in the blackest day for the Germans since the start of the Russian summer offensive.

Lwow in the southern part of Old Poland is one of Europe's greatest rail centers and was Poland's third city.

Daugavpils (Dvinsk) and Rezekne both are important rail junctions on the approaches to Riga in Latvia.

Bialystok is 110 miles northeast of Warsaw and Stanislawow is 35 miles from the Czech-Slovak border.

Premier Stalin announced these victories in three successive orders of the day shortly after Russian forces started the push across the Vistula, last natural barrier to the German Silesia 140 miles away.

The Moscow radio said still other Red troops had broken into Brest Litovsk on the Western Bug river 110 miles due east of Warsaw.

Near Czech Border.

Stanislawow lies 35 miles from the Czech border, but the Russians were less than 20 miles from that frontier through the capture last night of nearby Delatyn. Stanislawow, city of 60,000, lies on the Bucharest-Warsaw-Berlin railroad and Lesser line, and is west of the Dniester river.

Premier Stalin announced the capture of Bialystok in an order of the day.

The announcement from the Moscow radio followed by several hours a German broadcast statement that the city of 91,000 had been evacuated. Stalin ordered 20 salvos from 224 guns.

Both the Russians and Germans said the Vistula, last natural barrier to the German Silesia 140 miles to the west, had been opened.

Brest Litovsk is 110 miles east of Warsaw and 80 miles southeast of Bialystok. Both cities were crucial defense points along a line which the Germans had strengthened over several years. Both had been bypassed and besieged for about two weeks.

**Virtual Nazi Collapse**

The fall of both, following the announced Red army crossing of the Vistula river at 57 to 65 miles southeast of Warsaw, would indicate a virtual collapse of the German central front. Warsaw, a guardian city to German soil, was under concentric threat from the south, northeast and east.

The Berlin radio said defense lines in the Brest Litovsk area were taken back "under massed pressure of the enemy" and Moscow reported street fighting in the city of 50,000.

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## POLISH TROOPS ON EIGHTH ARMY FRONT IN ITALY ADVANCE

OTHER EIGHTH ARMY FORCES SMASH COUNTER-ATTACK NEAR FLORENCE

By NOLAN NORGAARD  
ROME, July 27.—(P)—Polish troops of the Eighth army have advanced to the Misa river at a point some 17 miles above the port of Ancona on the Adriatic coast against weakening German resistance, allied headquarters announced tonight.

(German broadcasts reported Wednesday that the Poles had opened a full-scale offensive along the Adriatic.)

Senigallia, a small fishing port captured in the push up the coast, is but 22 miles from mPesarò, believed to be an outpost of the enemy's "Gothic line" defenses.

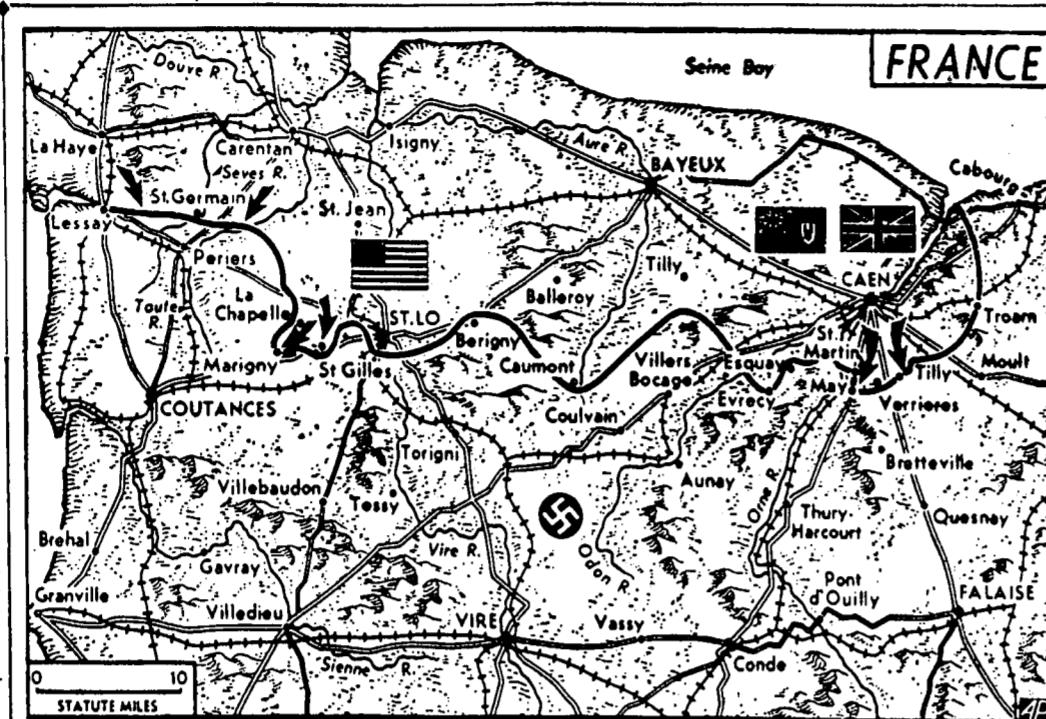
Other Eighth army forces smashed fierce German counterattacks eight miles from the heart of Florence.

At the same time indications grew that the ancient city of Pisa would become a major battle ground. The Germans were observed erecting barricades in the main streets north of the Arno river and setting up machinegun posts. It was officially reported the enemy was using the famous leaning tower as well as church steeples for observation posts.

The roar of heavy artillery resounded along the Fifth army front on the lower Arno from S. Romano to the sea. American long-range guns destroyed a big enemy railway, a number of self-propelled guns, and a number of enemy dumps during day-long shelling.

The Germans continued to fight bitterly in the horsehoe bend east of Pisa—their only stronghold on the south side of the Arno Fifth army front.

The last pockets of Nazi resistance along the railway embankments



AMERICANS TEAR GAP IN GERMAN LINES—American tanks and infantrymen tore a gap in German lines west of St. Lo as they captured Marigny and St. Giles. Other limited raids were reported in the Lessay area and south of Carentan. Below Caen British and Canadian troops were reported consolidating their new positions. (AP Wirephoto)

## SGT. R. E. CROCKER, KERENS, WITH FIRST INVASION AIR WAVE TO HIT FRENCH COAST

A NINTH AIR FORCE TROOP CARRIER BASE, European Theater of Operations, Sgt. Robert E. Crocker of Kerens, Texas, was in the first invading airwave on D-Day, helping to write another epochal in the new war history. His first combat mission in the European theatre of operations was as part of the gigantic troop carrier flotilla that dropped Allied paratroopers on Fortress Europe, spearheading the attack on Normandy beachheads.

Sgt. Crocker's father, Benji, of Kerens, resides in Kerens, Texas. As crew chief on a C-47 Skytrain, his wife, Mrs. Tom E. Crocker, resides in Powell, Texas.

**Strike Initial Blow.**

Before the take-off on this, the greatest air mission of all time, the first-suited combat crews of the Ninth Troop Carrier Command strapped into the C-47 Skytrains and then were off to strike the initial blow at enemy positions.

Teh early morn of D-Day saw flight after flight of these aerial pack-horses sweeping low over the channel to be met by flak and small arms fire. Below, the invasion fleet was scattered on the water's surface like confetti, poised to batter the opposing beach.

Then, in sequence, the rain of tracer bullets snapping by the quick efficiency of the paratroopers in exit, and the anti-aircraft of the return trip, all blending together.

**Paratroopers Happy.**

Sgt. Crocker, when interviewed by the public relations office, revealed that: "I felt like it was another flight. I don't have sense enough to recognize danger until it's over, I reckon. The hardest job I had in the army was helping those paratroopers into the plane—all of them helped. They looked jolly, cutting up and everything. I felt sorry for them, thinking about leaving them there—the weather seemed rough and

the pilot was serious and calm all the time."

"Well, I'll tell you part of the way over, it was cloudy and we wondered about our escort... then figured that if the rest of 'em were going over that way, we could, too."

"I was standing between the pilot and co-pilot and the navigator told me to tell him when I saw that we were over the coast... cutting the life vests off the paratroopers kept me busy... missed most of the fun."

Not Roman Candle.

"About the time we reached the coast, the co-pilot said: 'By God, men ain't Roman candles—I don't mind them flying by me, but I hate them crossing in front of my nose.' That was our first mission."

A few short hours after returning from his first mission, the sergeant joined his squadron on its second mission, daylight supply drop to the paratroopers of the 50th before Sat. Crocker continued his statement: "After I came in from the first mission, repaired all the holes in the plane, I finished working on them just in time for the second mission... I wanted to see where we had been the night before.

**Flying Low.**

"Yeah, Lord, blanket of our planes that time. That gave me better hopes... no flak... a few bomb-riddled houses, soldiers. I was trying to see what was going on... all different colored parachutes down there looked like a bouquet. You could see sheep and cattle—naturally, we were low."

"Well, I think I like the idea of putting my foot on French soil. Oh I can't wait... I'd like to make all of them, but the others want to also."

Commanded by Brog. Gen. Paul L. Williams, the Ninth Troop Carrier Command flies the C-47 Skytrain, which without fighting armament or protective armor moves airborne infantry and paratroops to strategic positions within enemy territory.

**GERMAN TALK ABOUT TEN-TON ROCKET MAY NOT BE PROPAGANDA**

By The Associated Press

Texans today (Thursday) found no comfort in the forecast for continued general fair weather as the next front shade to escape the state's second wave of sizzling sweltering temperatures.

Resumption of the hot weather

resumed a short period of mild temperatures last week had been preceded earlier in July by high thermometer readings.

Uvalde was the hottest city in Texas yesterday (Wed.) with a temperature of 111 degrees, the 20th consecutive day on which readings have been at least 100.

Right behind Uvalde were Eagle

Pass, Del Rio and San Angelo, each with 103-degree temperatures, and Laredo with 108.

Next in line, according to the Dallas weather bureau, was Pyote, in West Texas, with 106. Big Spring and Alice registered 104 degrees.

Other temperatures: Abilene, 104;

San Antonio and Austin, 103; the latter experimenting its hottest day of the year, Dallas, 102; Texarkana, 100; Sulphur Springs, 99; Houston and Corpus Christi, 98 and Galveston, 91.

**SITUATION IN PACIFIC AREA GOING WELL FOR ALLIES AND END MAY COME THERE SOONER**

By DEWITT MACKENZIE  
Associated Press War Analyst

We shouldn't let Allied success in Europe make us overlook the fact that things also go well for us in the Pacific—so well indeed that we likely shall be able soon to launch major operations which will be calculated to win the war in the Orient much sooner than originally expected.

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## APPLICATION FOR LEVEE REPAIRS IN SOUTHEAST NAVARRO

Application for repairs to broken levees in Henderson County Levee District No. 3, embracing some Navarro county lands, has been approved by the Chief of Army Engineers according to telegram received Tuesday by County Judge Frank J. Davis of Henderson county from Senator Tom Connally.

There are about fifteen miles of levees within the district which is located in the southwest part of Henderson county and southeast corner of Navarro county. About fifteen breaks in the levees were caused by unprecedented floods in May, 1942. Some 300,000 cubic yards of earth will be required to repair the 7,000 feet of levees lost. The levees originally were constructed in 1926 at a cost of \$700,000 and protects several thousand acres of fine land.

The breaks permit floodwaters from Trinity River, Cedar Creek, Turkey Creek and Prairie Creek to overflow a large portion of the 17,000 acres formerly protected by the embankments.

Chief of Engineers advised that the district engineer at Denison have been authorized to proceed with repair and reparation of levees in Henderson County, Levee District No. 3. He assured me that the work will be accomplished as expeditiously as possible," Senator Connally said.

## DISCHARGED SEABEE WITH LONG OVERSEAS SERVICE IS VISITOR

Machinist Mate First Class Robert Lee Gibson, 27, discharged Seabee, of Houston, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gibson, Corsicana Route 5 has returned from overseas after several months spent in hospitals. He had seen months overseas duty before being discharged for medical reasons after spending some time in Gundalow, New Caledonia, New Orleans and Oakland, Calif., hospitals.

Gibson saw considerable service in the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific after volunteering two years ago.

Gibson has returned to Houston after a visit here where he operated a machine shop before volunteering for overseas service.

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## FAIR BATTLE IN WHICH GOD WAS THE DECISIVE FACTOR\*

Gideon's Fit Three Hundred Routed the Midianite Thousands—Torches and Trumpets As Weapons—A Little Study of Minorities And Their Power—Applications for Today

By WILLIAM T. ELLIS  
We have a war story for war times in the present lesson. The dramatic hero of Gideon, and his three hundred, his Commando or Ranger group, as it were.

Like most of Europe today, Israel was under the heel of an invader. The Midianites had swept over the land, looting its crops and other property. The people had been caught napping, and were already enraged by their own conformity to the practices of paganism.

Unlike Europe today, the Israelites had no prospect of help from abroad. And they had no leader of their own. Look east, look west, look north, look south, the Israelites were a dead level of misery and submission. But Jehovah was not indifferent to the plight of his suffering, suffering people, who were lifting up dumb hands of prayer to him. This might well be treated as a lesson on the long-suffering patience of God.

Unexpected Answer. The call came to Gideon, a bashful, modest young farmer, who was secretly winnowing out some grain in a wine-press away from the cruel and covetous eyes of the Midianites. He could not believe the message was for him, so self-distrustful was he. He demanded proof after proof of the patient Lord, until at last convinced of his call.

This war has produced countless Gideons. One of the remarkable aspects of the struggle is the number of unknown youths, from small towns of which we had never heard, who have leaped into the news as heroes and leaders of their fellows. There are potential Gideons all about us; many are studying this year lesson. Only an emergency is needed to reveal the true Gideon's spirit of patriotism and religious faith—the consciousness that they are on God's side, and they can put to rout the foes that assail and oppress us.

Another Sort of Invasion. Israel had been invaded by Midian, not yet in a rush or a sudden attack. Little by little, it had established its sway and its health usages. We cannot help thinking of the invasion of our own national life by the forces if irrever-

ence, of self-indulgence, of impatience, of profanity and of low-lived moral standards. These are the Midianites in every community who need to be dealt with by Gideon hands.

By the way, this story focuses light upon the work of a Christian organization of traveling men, who have put a Bible into every hotel room in the land, and who have sent seven million Bibles and Testaments to men and women in service. They are a small company, but in the spirit of their namesake they have achieved a great victory. Their example suggests the possibility of forming local bands everywhere, to cleanse the land with the help of the Lord. They need be but few in number, if they are fit.

The Minority's Victory

When a clear, true voice is raised for liberty and justice the response is sure and beyond expectations. Thousands from far and near rallied to the sound of Gideon's trumpet, to face the Midianite force now appearing in strength. Many were reluctant soldiers; many were unfit. So God made Gideon winnow them out first, by permission to return home. Still ten thousand remained, of the thirty-two thousand volunteers.

Gideon was directed that those who knelt down to drink (thus exposing themselves to a foe) should be dismissed; while those who dipped the water from their hands as they marched through the stream, should be retained. (I have seen Persians crossing a river do just this). So three hundred wary, fit men were thus assigned.

Thus God uses minorities. He has always done so. This truth has been crystallized into the proverb, "One with God is a majority." Once Gideon was convinced that he was on the side of Jehovah, all his latent talents of leadership were unleashed. We are working not only for God, but also with God. This is titled a lesson about Gideon: It really is a lesson about God.

Faith, Plus Brains. Not in blind and inactive laisance did Gideon want for God to give his little company the victory. The Lord makes use of mortal brains. Gideon's strategy is famous: he won by a psychological maneuver. Each soldier was given a covered torch and a trumpet. In addition to the sword that hung at his side and the bow and arrows on his back. They were dispersed into three companies about the Midianite camp. At Gideon's signal they uncovered their torches and sounded their trumpets, shouting "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon." The effect was as of a great host surrounding the army.

Confusion reigned. The Midianites ran in wild disorder, attacking one another in mistake for the foe. It was a complete rout. After the final blow followed Gideon's band, faint, yet pursuing. Gideon was not a man to leave a task half finished—which is a monition to the United Nations today.

### SEVEN SENTENCE SERMONS

I fear nothing but doing wrong.—Sterne.

The crimes that are now being committed by man against man cry aloud not for vengeance, but for a complete change in our relationship one with another.—George Lansbury.

Nature is but a name for an effect. Whose cause is God.—William Cowper.

Thank God that when a man does a bit of service, however little it may be, he puts into operation forces of which he can never trace the consequences.—Phillips Brooks.

There is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few.—I Samuel 14:6.

Art little? Do thy little well; And for thy comfort know Great men can do their greatest work No better than just so.—Goethe.

Men must be governed by God

## CORPORAL BRUCE RECEIVES AWARD OF BRONZE STAR



## LUTHER A. JOHNSON ROTARY SPEAKER AT NOON WEDNESDAY

Luther A. Johnson, congressman from this district, today warned the citizens of Corsicana and of the United States that in order to avoid another war within the next twenty-five years, they must not let partisan politics divide the nation on foreign policy, they must not become so involved in discussing methods of setting up a world organization that no plan is realized, and they must not become apathetic at the cessation of hostilities.

"I have no fear but what we will win a decisive military victory. But I am fearful we may not win the peace," opined the congressman. "There never was so much unity in this country as there is now, but is human nature to relax after the war is over and to begin to think selfishly," he continued.

"There are still people in the senate and in this house, and there are still newspaper people who are isolationists who think we can live alone," revealed the speaker. "History has shown us that this is not true. Another war would not only be tragic, but the progress of science will not allow the United States to escape the next war unscathed as it is today. There will not be one spot in the world where a person will be free from bombings in the next conflict," Johnson said.

"So far as this battle front are concerned, I am not afraid of us in uniform carrying on, but the question is whether or not we at home are willing this time to finish the job which we failed to do before," concluded Johnson.

The speaker was introduced by John Corley, president of the Rotary club, who presided over the brief business session preceding Johnson's address.

Johnson stated that we have made many mistakes but, "Thank God, our enemies made mistakes, too. The three mistakes made by the enemy were Hitler's failure to invade England after the fall of France, Hitler's invasion of Russia, and the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor."

Soldiers, sailors and airmen were eulogized by Johnson when he stated that "our men in the army and navy have demonstrated that they are real soldiers even though they were not raised to be warlike or were our enemy's soldiers." Johnson praised the deeds of Lieut. Col. John J. Garner, home after 18 months of service with the 36th division; Lieut. George Cunningham, and Lieut. Dan Story. Johnson declared that the Texas boys were doing a fine job and that the 36th division is doing the most brilliant fighting of this or any other war.

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## CORSICANA FIELD GRADUATE REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION

First Lt. Horace Allen Lawler, son of Horace Lawler, Paris, Ill., and a graduate of Corsicana Field with the class of 42-K, is missing in action somewhere in India, according to word received by relatives here.

Lieut. Lawler was a student of officer while training at Corsicana Field. Beginning his primary training on June 2, 1942, Lieut. Lawler was graduated on July 30, 1942, and subsequently was sent to Randolph Field, Texas.

### Thanks

To the Voter of Precinct 1: Let me take this moment to thank you for your many kindnesses and for your votes in the first primary. I am in the second primary and will appreciate your vote at that time for your commissioner.

JIM TAYLOR,  
(Paid Pol. Adv.)

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## GEN. McNAIR

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and became commanding general of the ground forces, one of the three top commanders under the chief of staff.

In April 1943, during an inspection tour of the Tunisian front, he was wounded by shell fragments. McNair was one of the early advocates of building up a method of anti-tank defenses, particularly the highly mobile self-propelled, hard-hitting guns that came to be known as tank destroyers.

Commenting on the general's death, General Marshall said "the Training Program Designer, McNair was the designer of the

American army has sustained a great loss in the death of General McNair."

"Had he had the choice," said Marshall, "he would probably have elected to die as he did, in the forefront of the attack. His presence on the firing line with the leading element in the great assault which has just been launched on the American front in Normandy, was indicative of his aggressive and fearless spirit and should be an inspiring example to the forces of our great ground army which he organized and trained."

Training Program Designer, McNair was the designer of the

training program that produced combat units in World War II which fought like veterans in their first battles. He was credited with streamlining the old "square" division of nearly 20,000 men into the "triangular" infantry division of 15,000 and was among the original group of officers who foresaw the need for developing the tank destroyer after the Nazis had exploited the tank's use in Poland and the low countries.

In the reorganization of the army in March of 1942, grouping military functions into three basic units—ground forces, air forces and service of supply—Lieutenant

General McNair was selected by Gen. Marshall, chief of staff, to head the ground forces, to "Kill or Be Killed."

He intended into him men that in war it was "kill or be killed." In a broadcast address on Armistice Day of 1942 he told the ground forces that "our soldiers must have the fighting spirit."

"If you call that hating our enemies, then we must hate with every fiber in our being," he continued. "We must lust for battle; our object in life must be to kill; we must scheme and plan night and day to kill. There need be no pang of conscience, for our enemies have lighted the way to faster, surer and crueler killing; they are past masters."

"We must hurry to catch up with them if we are to survive. Since killing is the object of our efforts the sooner we get in the killing mood, the better and more skillful will be when the real test comes. The struggle is for survival—kill or be killed."

General McNair was born in Verndale, Minn., May 25, 1883. He was graduated from the military Academy in 1904 and the next year married Miss Clara Huster. They had one son, Douglas Cravier.

Was with Funston.

He was with the Funston Expedition in Vera Cruz in 1914 and with the Pershing Punitive Expedition into Mexico in 1916-17.

In June of 1917, a few weeks after the United States' entry into World War I, McNair sailed for France and served with the First Division, American Expeditionary Forces, until August. Then he was at General Headquarters at Paris and Châlons until the end of the war. He went into Germany with the army of occupation.

The Distinguished Service Medal was awarded him and he also was made an officer of the French Legion of Honor.

After McNair's return to the United States, he served in various posts. An April, 1939, he became commandant of the command and general staff school at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., and in July of 1940 was assigned as chief of staff of general headquarters and stationed at the army war college in Washington.

## First Lt. General Be Killed in Action

WASHINGTON, July 27—(P)—Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, whose death in Normandy was announced today by the War Department, is the first General of his rank to be killed in action in the present war.

Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, commander of U. S. army forces in the European theatre, was killed in a plane crash in Iceland, May 23, 1943.

McNair is the fifth American General officer to die in action in this war, and the third to die in France since the Allies invaded Normandy on June 6.

The others killed in action were Maj. Gen. Clarence L. Tinker, missing off Midway June 7, 1942, and declared dead a year later; Brig. Gen. Asa M. Duncan, missing off the European coast November 17, 1942, and declared dead November 17, 1943; Brig. Gen. Don F. Pratt, killed in France on D-Day, and Brig. Gen. Nelson M. Walker, who died July 10 of wounds received in action in France.

In addition, Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., died of a heart attack in Normandy, and Brig. Gen. Alfred J. Lyon died of pneumonia after exposure in action on a bombing mission over Europe December 1, 1942.

**Plane Crash Victims**  
Airplane crashes have killed eight General officers, including General Andrews, Maj. Gen. Herbert A. Dargue, December 12, 1941, in California; Maj. Gen. Stonewall Jackson, October 15, 1943, at Camp Polk, La.; Maj. Gen. Frank A. Mahon, July 24, 1942, near Waynesboro, Tenn.; Brig. Gen. Charles H. Barth, Jr., May 3, 1943, in Iceland; Brig. Gen. Harold H. George, April 30, 1942, in Australia; Brig. Gen. Harry W. Wash., January 26, 1943, near Mobile, Alabama, and Maj. Gen. Paul F. Newgarden, July 14, 1944, near Chattanooga.

Twelve General officers are prisoners of the Japanese, captured when the Philippines fell. They include Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainright, who succeeded Gen. Douglas MacArthur in command of the Philippines.

## AERIAL

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equal escort of fighters, struck in Belgium in the same general area where Thunderbolts late yesterday hurled high explosives and incendiaries on dozens of rail targets.

Brussels and Ghent both are rail bottlenecks leading from Germany to Normandy. A single bomber and one fighter were lost to flak today; no fighters rose to challenge.

Fighters swooped low to strafe

ground targets such as locomotives and freight cars.

Berlin said both German and

Hungarian planes challenged the U. S. 18th air force raiders over Budapest, intercepting long before the armada reached the target area.

**Great Fires Set.**

Great fires were left licking at

Givors-Baden last night in the concentrated attack pressed into a quarter hour.

Six heavy bombers were lost in the thrust that carried the RAF

fleet across France to a point about 80 miles southwest of Lake Geneva, and immediately north of an area which had been under attack by Italian based bombers fre-

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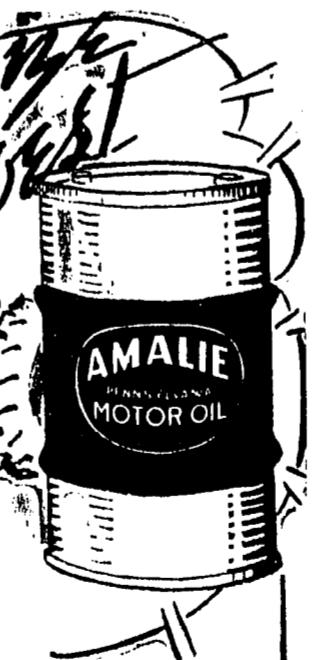
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quently last month.

The weather over Northern France still was unfavorable today, with overcast skies and some rain, but allied headquarters said it was

no worse than yesterday when tac-

tic air units flew 3,500 offensive sorties.

Air activity over the battle area in the forenoon apparently was lim-

ited largely to planes operating from bases in Normandy.

Yesterday's combat score was 16

German planes downed for a loss of 13 allied aircraft.

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**SATANIC WEAPONS**

Those German automatic rocket bombs have brought the European war to the lowest depths yet reached in this world conflict. And there are warnings that still worse horrors are coming. Just the other day one of those bombs, flying free and yet with a sort of diabolic intelligence, destroyed a chapel near Buckingham Palace, trapping and killing hundreds of worshipers in its ruins. Such bombs often seem to have a sort of diabolism, by which they search out and destroy the most cherished and unwarlike things in modern civilization.

It is with a sinking heart that Americans, along with sensitive and history-minded people of other nations, learn of the growing horrors inflicted on London by the Germans. Obviously defenses have to be found quickly against any such new form of savagery. And thus, whether it be robot planes carrying deadly explosives, or any other form of scientific destruction, the competitive horrors increase and spread.

Civilized nations cannot yield this world to the satanic power now reaching for control over it. So fire must be fought with fire, horror with horror, until the barbarians give up their fight for the world.

**MOVING MILES**

On June 6, 1944, the Nazis held 212,659 square miles in France — which is all of France. The Allies held none. On July 6, one month later, the Allies held 1,313 square miles and the Nazis 211,346.

This might look as if it would take 166 more months for the Allies to conquer the whole country. But wars do not work that way. Especially when the armies of one side are fresh and equipped with everything possible, while the other side is almost exhausted. Well begun is half done, says the proverb. That may not apply literally in this case any more than the first computation. But it does count strongly that the Allies are in, and moving. The mileage occupied by August 6 ought to be still more assuring.

It is not likely that the complete liberation will come in two months more. But certainly six are more likely than 166.

**RUSSIAN BUSINESS**

Eric Johnston, head of the United States Chamber of Commerce, has been in Russia lately, and returns with some interesting things to say about that country. He thinks it and the United States should move along together—they have been doing pretty well lately—cooperating in business development and working for peace.

He is not much concerned with political and economic differences between the two nations. He thinks that Russian Communism and American democracy can cooperate in spite of their ideologies, and can probably do a better job of team work.

Russia wants, more than anything else, peace to develop her vast resources. She needs long-term credits for that purpose. As she has been scrupulous about financial obligations so far, there is no reason to think she will grow lax about them now, as some other nations have done occasionally.

Hitler has been a great figure in the world, but he's now being trimmed down to size.

**Edgar A. Guest**

**HELPFUL MAN**  
"My dear," said I, "to help I'll try: The floors I'll sweep; the dishes dry; The windows wash I will somehow But not right now!"

"Yes, yes, of course, I'll just a bit And make a first-class job of it. To mow the lawn I swear and vow, But not right now."

"I've said I'll gladly help you out, I'll run the vacuum round about. The cook, the first and second maid, Do anything to stop a row, But not right now!"

**HEROISM**

This is what might be called the "heroic age" of the United States. We have been in tight places before, and have fought nobly and emerged handsomely on many a military and economic front. But this ordeal is different, and bigger than anything we could formerly have imagined.

We are fighting now literally around the world. And we are fighting not for territory or trade or special advantage of any kind, but for a free world in which we can go about our lawful occasions, and all law-abiding nations can do likewise. For this purpose we are pouring out money like a Niagara, and also pouring out blood unstintedly.

We do this because it has to be done. And we do it modestly, because we realize that our two great allies, Britain and Russia, have been fighting longer and have done more than we have—although we expect to make things even before we get through with the job. We do not overlook the endurance and sacrifice of China, who has done all she could, and given arms and food, may yet break even with us.

**HUMAN WASTE**

It is a serious matter when as many as one-third of the young Americans examined for war service are found to have mental or physical defects disqualifying them. Even with such a situation there are still enough men available in this populous country to furnish what fighting power is needed, but the wastage of man-power by disability is rather alarming. Healthy and vigorous men, and also women, are not needed merely for military duties, but for normal services of a thousand kinds.

Medical experts agree that it is necessary to assemble and preserve information along these lines gathered by selective service examiners, and to launch a national health program. This should be one of the first enterprises undertaken when the war is over. It would be a great mistake, not merely from a military viewpoint but as a matter of civil progress and development, to continue ignoring such a situation.

**WAY DOWN BELOW**

Argentina continues to be a rather serious problem. The government there is now definitely pro-Nazi, and the people mostly seem to go along without caring much, one way or another, which side wins the European war.

This attitude would not matter a great deal, except for the influence that Argentina's stand has upon her South American neighbors.

They seem to prefer Uncle Sam to the Europe-loving Argentinians, probably because we are generous and helpful when they get into trouble, and we fend off the Nazis who would like to gobble them up. But they mostly do very little to keep their hemisphere free from Nazi contamination and exploitation.

If our southern neighbors don't mind, Uncle Sam would appreciate a little more positive interest down there, in things that so deeply concern their own material salvation—and ours, too, in the long run.

One kind of drafting, anyway, is welcomed. It is the drafting of professedly hesitant citizens for public office.

**INTO THEIR AFRICAN ACT****Revival Meeting Is Now in Progress At Angus Baptist Church**

A revival meeting, now in progress at the Angus Baptist church, will continue through August 6. Rev. D. P. Cagle, missionary of the Corsicana Association, is assisting the pastor, Rev. L. O. Slusher, in the meeting.

Services are held each night at 8 o'clock on the church lawn. A church vacation Bible school is held each morning from 9 to 11 o'clock.

An invitation is extended to the public to attend the services.

**Accepts Position As School Librarian**

Miss Jewell Johnson, former student and teacher, has accepted a position as librarian at the Pharr, Texas, high school for the 1944-45 term. Miss Johnson will receive her B. A. degree this summer from NTST college, Denton, Texas.

**Elberta Peaches**

Nice Elberta Peaches are now ready. Drive out to the CUNNINGHAM FARM at Enhouse.

**To the Voters Of Navarro County**

I am going to "fess up." I got the surprise of my life Saturday night when I learned that I had lost for county judge by a margin of three hundred and three votes. But I am not grieving about it; maybe Louie will make a better judge than I would have; I hope so, anyway. I wish to say to my constituents that, though I may not express the attitude that I feel towards you, I hold myself for your disappointment. I should have worked harder but there is a limit to human endurance.

I thank the people of Navarro county as a whole, for the encouragement and help that they have extended to me in the past. I have been under contract with Navarro county for the past 37 years, 37 years as a teacher, four as distiller, court clerk, four as justice of the peace, and two as representative in the legislature.

As for the future, I'll continue to work. I would rather "wear out than rust out."

Yours in friendship,  
PAT GERAUGHTY.

**Daughter of Former Residents of Navarro County to Wed Soon**

Dr. and Mrs. Carl T. Steen request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Marilyn Ruth, to Captain Gordon Harold Brumham, United States Marine Corps Reserve, on Tuesday, the eighth of August at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening, First Christian Church, Norman, Oklahoma.

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**Emhouse H. D. Club To Have Picnic On Evening of August 11**

Mrs. Show will be hostess to the club picnic at 7 p.m. August 11, was announced at the Emhouse home demonstration club meeting July 26 in the home of Mrs. Opal Chaney. Plans were formulated for the Rally Ray, Friday, July 28, at the City Park, and Mrs. Neil Collins gave a report on the last council meeting. Mrs. Collins will be hostess to the August 11 meeting and Miss Sneed will give a demonstration on cheese making. Each member is asked to bring a covered dish for the all day program.

**Son Is Born To The David Ralstons Early Wednesday**

William David Ralston, Jr., a seven pound 8 1/2 ounce son, was born to Assistant County Attorney and Mrs. David Ralston at the Navarro Clinic at 7:45 a. m. Wednesday. Mother and son are doing nicely.

The assistant county attorney's young daughter, Sandra, is very proud of her brother.

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**First Sergeant Mitchell Is Now Stationed Maine**

First Sgt. Leah Beth Mitchell, commanding officer, First Lt. Madeline Proctor, Newton Center, Mass., and five other WACs—all New England women, have arrived in Bangor, Maine, and are now stationed at Dow Field as members of the Air Transport Command to perform duties formerly carried on by male soldiers. They will form the nucleus of a WAC squadron now being organized at Dow Field.

According to an item in the Bangor Daily News, Lt. Proctor, daughter of Edward O. Proctor, who is president of the Boston Bar Association, enlisted in the WAC in August of 1942, soon after her graduation from Radcliffe College. She received her commission at officers' candidate school at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and was assigned to Dayton Beach, Fla., as company commander until July 1943. She was transferred to Homestead Field, part of the Caribbean wing of the Air Transport Command in Florida, and stayed there until June 28, 1944, when she was assigned to Dow Field.

Her brother, Pvt. Edward O. Proctor, Jr., is stationed in the Infantry at Camp Aitkinbury, Ind.

Concerning Sgt. Mitchell, the article states that she enlisted in the WAC Feb. 28, 1943, in Dallas. She received her basic training at Port Oglethorpe, Ga., and has been there since that time. She was first sergeant of a motor transport company, headquarters detachment, and manager of the Non-Coms' Club at Port Oglethorpe.

Continuing, the article stated that she graduated from Corsicana High School in 1939, and from Hillsboro Junior College in 1941. She has an brother, Capt. Col. Robert E. Mitchell, who is in a tank destroyer unit at Camp Hood, and another brother, First Lt. Randolph Mitchell, who is in the Gilbert Islands with the Quartermaster Corps.

Sgt. R. B. Mitchell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Mitchell, executive secretaries of the Navarro Chapter, American Red Cross, and has many friends here who will be interested in hearing of her recent assignment.

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**Former Corsicanan Is Mother Of Fine Boy Born in Waco**

S. Sgt. and Mrs. F. R. Reisinger, who reside at 2811 Hornbeam avenue, Waco, are the proud parents of a baby boy. He was born at the Provident Hospital in Waco on July 29. The young fellow has not named Robert Mack and tipped the scales at seven pounds and 14 ounces.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. C. McCrary of Waco, formerly of this city, and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Keech of Columbia, Pa.

Mrs. Reisinger will be remem-

bred by her many friends here as Miss Peggy Zene McCrary. She is a graduate of Waco High and was a student at Baylor University.

Sgt. Reisinger was connected with the Columbia News at Columbus, Pa., before entering the service. He is now stationed at Blackland Army Air Field.

**To My Friends and Voters**

I wish to express to you my thanks for the confidence you have in me for the nice vote you gave me July 22 for Justice of the peace, Precinct 1, Place 1. W. H. (Pop) JOHNSON.

**MANY THANKS**

To express the extent of my appreciation is impossible but I do want to say that I'm very grateful for your support in renominating me County Clerk of this county. I assure you that I appreciate fully the honor you have bestowed and accept it with humility.

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ing the Air Forces in June, 1943. He was employed as a truck driver by a local bottling company. Pfc. Bryson attended Corsicana senior high school.

Pvt. Henry W. Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Morris, and brother of Pvt. Jack H. Morris, recently wrote his family, stating that he was somewhere in France with a field artillery unit.

Pvt. Jack H. Morris, Fort Sill, Wash., returned to his camp Friday after spending a 27-day emergency furlough with his wife, Mrs. Ruth Morris, and new son, Jerry Lynn, born July 18 at the P. & S. Hospital. Through a confusion of orders the emergency furlough was given Pvt. Morris before it was requested, and according to friends the Red Cross did a marvelous job in securing three furlough extensions for the soldier.

S-2c Pickens Pickering, who is stationed in San Diego, Calif., has just returned to his base after a ten-day leave which he spent with his mother, Mrs. Lona Pickering, and sister, Mrs. Eldon Dickson of Waco. Seaman Pickering is a former resident of this city, moving to Waco with his mother a year ago.

David C. McNeal, USMC, son of C. H. McNeal of Embhouse, has recently been promoted to the rank of sergeant according to a letter received by his brother, A. H. McNeal, also of Embhouse. Sgt. McNeal is stationed somewhere in the South Pacific, and has participated in landings on New Britain and Cape Gloucester.

COLUMBUS, O., July 27.—(AP) Lt. Col. William G. Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Collins of Route No. 2, Corsicana, Texas, has reported to the AACF Training Command's Army Air Base to take a course of instruction in flying the B-17 Flying Fortress. Upon completion of his course here, Lt. Collins will be a specialist pilot of this famous Army plane. Lt. Collins received his wings as a second lieutenant at Freedman Army Air Field, Seymour, Ind., before coming to Lockbourne. He formerly attended Texas A. & M. College at College Station.

Pfc. Billy Patrick, U. S. Army, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Patrick on a short furlough. He has been stationed at Camp Adair, Oregon, but is now en route to a new assignment at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Congressman Luther A. Johnson of Corsicana secured the tickets for Dawson for each session of the convention.

The McConnell newspaper Izvestia says "Polish troops are advancing beside the victorious Red Army. Dobin is liberated already and the capital of Warsaw listens to the remote detonation of artillery."

Normandy Front Broadened. The American front in Normandy was broadened to 40 miles by a drive 15 miles to the East of St. Lo that captured Montrabot, four miles northwest of Caumont. In the sector west of St. Lo an armored spearhead reached beyond Canisy, two miles south of the strategic St. Lo-Coutances highway. One of two columns closing in on Periers, 15 miles west of St. Lo, recaptured the town of Raids which had been taken by the Germans.

U. S. Heavy bombers from Britain attacked targets in Belgium today. Italy struck the Hungarian capital of Budapest in night operations. British heavies bombed the rail center of Givors-Baden in Southeast France and Mosquitos hit Hamburg.

Heavies Trials. STOCKHOLM, July 27.—(AP) Hitler's German Nazi party newspaper, the Voelkische Beobachter, said today:

"We openly declare that never since the beginning of the war have our nerves and hearts been exposed to heavier trials."

The Berlin newspaper made the comment in remarks on Paul Joseph Goebbels speech on total mobilization.

The Tower of Babel at the Chaldean city of Ur, in lower Mesopotamia, has completely disappeared.

Bonham Burleson, son of Mrs. Ellens Burleson, left Tuesday morning for St. Petersburg, Fla., where he will receive basic training in the U. S. merchant marine.

Pfc. Maurice R. Bryson, 1101 North Commerce Street, is now serving as a truck driver in the transportation corps section of the largest air service command depot in Britain. Before enter-

## EUROPEAN WAR

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GERMAN tank attacks in ambuscade.

Marshal Stalin announced the Bialystok had been taken by storm several hours after the Germans asserted they had evacuated the city of 91,000.

A second announcement by Stalin disclosed to soviet capture of Stanislawow in the Carpathian foothills approaches to Czechoslovakia.

In Italy American troops occupied the entire section of Pisa south of the Arno river but the Germans were reported barricaded in the north section of the city.

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Bialystok was a main German fortress position protecting the approaches to East Prussia, 45 miles to the northwest. It is the 13th largest city of the country which was Poland between the wars. It was Old Poland's largest textile center except for Lodz.

## RUSSIAN

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The Gormans said a great tank battle was developing on the level plains around the Vistula river bridgeheads—the same flat terrain that stretches without break 140 miles to German Silesia. The area is 355 air miles from Berlin, closest approach to that capital.

**Heavy Fighting**  
Heavy, continuing fighting was reported around Bialystok.

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**Don't Bother With Prisoners.**  
Tankmen no longer bothered

with groups of the surrendering enemy, simply motioning them on to the rear, where they were taken in charge by riflemen.

The infantry was told to be moving up in an almost solid line from Marigny to Canisy, the last fortification held by the Germans.

Fighter planes alone were sold to have wrecked and damaged "no man's land" yesterday.

Headquarters spokesman meanwhile said there was "no cause for any anxiety on the situation" in the eastern sector around Caen where the British and Canadians have suffered local setbacks.

But on the British-Canadian flank in Normandy the Germans hit with tanks, artillery and mortar fire. They recaptured Esquay, seven miles southwest of Caen, and blood-soaked hills 112 and 113, headquarters and field reports said. Due

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## INVASION

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The maneuver broadened the tip of the breakthrough.

**Fan Out Eastward.**

Fanning out eastward from St. Gilles and Canisy, they began closing a trap on Germans in a bend of the Vire river below St. Lo.

Capturing Le Mesnil Herman, six miles south of St. Lo and nine miles from their jumpoff point.

The Americans had seized Canisy in this advance and cut the road running south from St. Lo to Periers along the baseline of the Cherbourg Peninsula.

To the east, allied headquarters announced patrols entered Periers at Marigny was battling only eight miles from the Germans' supply road running north from Courances to the battle front at Periers.

The armored spearhead pushing southwest of St. Lo had driven so deep, however, that it was closer to Coutances than the Periers force. Fanning out westward from Arigny, this force advanced nearly a mile along the St. Lo-Coutances road to within nine miles of Coutances.

**Other Advances.**

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army head on to Vierrieres, smashing enemy counterattacks.

**Front Is Widened.**

Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's American First Army battlefield had broadened to 40 miles. Doughboys won a town northeast of Periers, and lashed out near Caumont, 13 miles east of St. Lo, capturing Montrabot. In all, at least 15 villages and towns have been taken in 48 hours.

Front dispatches said tanks bearing sharpshooting infantrymen-snipers who cut down German rocket gunners had advanced beyond Canisy, four miles southwest of St. Lo.

The other U. S. tank spearhead pushing westward from Arigny, this force advanced nearly a mile along the St. Lo-Coutances road to within nine miles of Coutances.

**Threaten to Cut Off Nazis.**

The Allied spearhead which thrust into Canisy, two miles south of St. Gilles, threatened to cut off the Germans who have been holding out in the Vire river bend west of St. Lo since the Americans penetrated the city 10 days ago.

For miles on either side of the impressive St. Lo push the Americans were also on the move.

Two spearheads pressed in on Periers, 13 miles west of St. Lo. One, driving southwest down the road from Carentan, firmly regained the town of Raids which has changed hands repeatedly in the last fortnight.

The other, pushing new bridgehead across the Seves river, due north of Periers, repelled no less than four German counterattacks yesterday and at night. A previous bridgehead over the Seves was shoved back last week by the Nazis.

**Town Captured.**

In their drive east of St. Lo American troops took the town of Montrabot, four miles northwest of Caumont, the approximate mid-point of the Allied 100-mile line in Normandy, and the Allied communiqué said troops in this area had made a number of other unspecified advances.

At least 40,000 Germans, half of them elite armored troops, in a great concentration of one division to every two miles, were desperately blocking the British and Canadian drive toward Paris.

Continuing their support of the ground troops, Allied aerial forces continued to batter German positions and tank and troop concentrations in the battle areas. Other warplanes shot up German transportation over a wide area from Douai to Vendome.

Cherbourg. Not Repaired.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—(AP) Secretary of War Stimson indicated today that the port of Cherbourg, captured by American troops June 26, still has not been repaired sufficiently to permit full

use of its facilities to supply the

## ITALIAN

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near San Romano was wiped out and the Americans also cleaned up a few groups of Germans who had been fighting from house to house in the same area.

Most impressive gains in the steel ring closing in on Florence were to the southwest of the city where Eighth army units surged forward, as much as three miles in the area of Castelnuovo and Vallecchio.

These forces were more distant, however, than the New Zealanders battling the German 4th parachute division along highway No. 2 in the area of San Casciano, only eight miles from the goal.

Activity in the Adriatic sector was limited to patrols.

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Solution Tuesday's Puzzle

DOWN	
1. Feather	
2. Else	
3. Toward	
4. Manner	
5. Long narrow board	
6. French legatee	
7. Sandy	
8. Turn	
9. Occupied a	
10. Musical work	
11. French	
12. Widely	
13. Feminine	
14. Assent	
15. Diminution	
16. Salt of acetic acid	
17. Mushrooms	
18. Body of McLean priest	
19. Pineapple	
20. Number	
21. Feminine name	
22. Stretched out	
23. Source of phosphorus	
24. American black snake	
25. Jingle	
26. Turkish decree	
27. More pallid	
28. Sent out	
29. Gone by	
30. Period of time	
31. Near	

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## SCORCH SMITH



**Market Report****Local Markets**

**Cotton**  
Texas Spot Markets  
DALLAS, July 27.—(P)—Spot cotton  
21.00; Galveston 21.13; Houston 21.12.

**Grains and Provisions**

**FORT WORTH**, July 27.—(P)—Wheat  
No. 1 red, 1.50; No. 2 yellow, 2.00; bran, 1.12-14.  
Sorghum, No. 2, yellow, 2.00 mile or No. 2  
white, 1.50 per 100 lbs. 2.20-34.  
Oats, No. 2 red, 82-84.

**Livestock**

**FORT WORTH**, July 27.—(P)—Cattle  
a dozen calves, 1500; mostly steady; com-  
mon to 1000-1200; butchers and beef  
cows, mostly at 7.50-10.25; good and  
choice fat calves, 11.75-13.00.  
Hogs, 100-1200; mostly steady; warts  
50 cents higher; top 14.50; good and  
choice 180-240 lbs butchers; good to  
choice 150-175 lbs weights, 12.50-14.00;  
packing hams, 1000; spring lambs and yearlings  
25-30 higher; medium and good spring  
lambs sold 11.50-12.75; with good and  
choice grade 14.00; good shorn lambs  
and yearlings 10.00.

**Information From  
Navarro County  
Rationing Board**

Sales of hen and tom turkeys  
have been restricted for U.S. Army  
purchases since July 17, 1944, ac-  
cording to a War Food Administra-  
tion announcement received by  
Miss Elease Castles, price clerk at  
the local rationing board. This re-  
striction order does not affect  
turkeys that were processed before  
July 17, 1944, and any turkeys  
rejected by the Army can be sold  
for civilian use.

**Thanks**

I want to express my thanks  
to those who gave me their sup-  
port in the July primary for com-  
missioner, Precinct 4. And, I am  
grateful of who is elected in the  
second primary, they will have my  
cooperation.

J. M. MARSHALL TATUM.

**Will Preach Sunday**

Rev. T. R. Vaughn will preach  
at the Black Hills Baptist church  
Sunday morning at 11 and Sun-  
day night at the usual hour, it  
has been announced.

**Singing Friday**

The Corsicana singers' class  
will meet Friday night at 8:30 at  
the Missionary Baptist church.  
Singers from Waco and Hillsboro  
are expected to attend.

Pvt. Marvin Shwarts has return-  
ed to Greentield, Manchester, N.  
H., following a visit in the home  
of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Louis  
Shwarts.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Holland  
announce the arrival of a daugh-  
ter, Judy Ann, at the P. and S.  
Hospital on Tuesday.

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per sized eyes and has the  
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46 Straw Hats, Values to \$8.95...\$2.00  
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**Social Revue****COUNTY NEWS****Courthouse News****District Court**

District Judge A. P. Mays dis-  
missed the jury for the week  
Thursday shortly before noon after  
state and defense counsel in the  
case of the State vs. W. J. Polan-  
ker, receiving and concealing state-  
ment property, advised the court that  
a plea of guilty to one indictment  
would be made with a penalty of  
two years. Three other indictments  
are to be dismissed. The state is  
represented by J. C. Roe and Da-  
vid Ralston, county attorney and  
assistant, respectively. The de-  
fendant is represented by Doyle  
Feverhouse of Corsicana, Maury  
Hughes and Howard Dally, well-  
known Dallas attorneys.

The state announced ready wed-  
nesday in the case and Judge Mays  
overruled a defense motion for a  
continuance.

**E. W. ROBINSON**

**LOST**—White steer, 3 years old, small  
black face, both ears tagged together.  
If found, notify E. W. ROBINSON.

**STRAYED**—Whiteface steer yearling,  
horn, four or five inches long, weight  
approximately 500 pounds, unknown  
knowing the whereabouts of such an  
animal, please phone 314 or 400, or see  
us at AGO State National Bank Building,  
Corsicana, Route 1. Reasonable reward.

**Five**—Five room cottage close in, \$3000.

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## NAVARRO COUNTY DEMO CONVENTION BE HELD SATURDAY

The Navarro County Democratic convention will be held Saturday at the courthouse Saturday at 10 a.m. for the purpose of selecting delegates to the state convention, according to an announcement made Tuesday by P. M. Gladney, chairman of the Navarro County Democratic committee.

Precinct conventions were supposed to have been held Saturday in connection with the first primary election to name delegates to the county convention, but only a few sealed and properly prepared reports had been received by the county chairman Tuesday morning.

While no official announcement had been made, it is stated in political circles that anti-administration forces had charge of the precinct conventions in Corsicana. At the presidential convention earlier in the year, a fight was waged between the two factions with an anti-administration forces in command and dominating the delegation sent to the state presidential convention. The administration forces were strong in the boxes outside of Corsicana on the former occasion.

There is the possibility that there will be considerable political fire-works Saturday.

**Sweeten Wins Again**  
Jess Sweeten, veteran and colorful sheriff of Henderson county, well-known in Navarro county, was re-elected in Saturday's primary by a substantial margin.

## Purdon Soldier Receives Purple Heart Decoration



T-5 Eulin Parker, 24, (above) First Cavalry Division, Pacific Theatre of Operations, was recently awarded the Purple Heart. According to a letter received from Inns P. Swift, Major General U.S. Army, Commanding, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Parker, Purdon, Route No. 1.

The letter follows:

Your son, T-5 Eulin Parker, Headquarters First Squadron 12th Cavalry, was among those soldiers of this Division Decorated with the Order of the Purple Heart at a very impressive ceremony attended by the entire 12th Cavalry Regiment yesterday in commemoration of the 22nd anniversary of the regiment's organization. I had the pleasure of personally pinning the medal on your son and congratulating him on his fine work in our recent campaign.

"I take great pride in having T-5 Parker as a member of my command, both because of his ability as a soldier and his performance in combat, and his regiment shares this feeling with me. I am glad to inform you that he is in fine health once again and has returned to regular duties."

Parker has been in the service since October 1941, and has been overseas since July 1943. He is a graduate of the Purdon high school.

### Demonstration On Cheese Making For Purdon H. D. Club

A demonstration on cheese making was given by Miss Vera Sneed, home demonstration agent, in the home of Mrs. E. M. Skinner on July 18, for members of the Purple Heart Demonstration Club. Miss Sneed stressed the necessity of cooking cottage cheese softly to keep it tender.

Refreshments were served, using the cottage cheese blended with fruits and vegetables into a salad. Guests included Miss Eva Williams, assistant agent; Mrs. Ora May Kupper and Mrs. J. Thomas of Purdon.

Mrs. Bessie Nokes will be hostess to the meeting August 1.

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## LARGE NUMBER TEXAS SOLDIERS WOUNDED IN ACTION THREE AREAS

**WASHINGTON, July 28—(P)** The war department made public today the names of 1,248 United States soldiers wounded in action, including the following from Texas:

**Asiatic area:** Wilson, 1st Sgt. Garland B.—Mrs. Louisa D. Wilson, wife, Del Rio.

**European area:** Battle, Pfc. Wilmer R.—Mrs. Ruby J. Battle, wife, Goose Creek.

Busse, Pfc. Herman L.—Mrs. Martha Busse, mother, Navasota.

Cooper, 1st Sgt. Harwell E.—Mrs. Harwell E. Cooper, wife, Juncos.

Curtis, 2nd Lt. Charles W.—Mrs. Frances Curtis, wife, 1508 Brackenridge avenue, Austin.

Dean, 1st Lt. Allen B.—Mrs. Ruth M. Dean, wife, Phillips.

Luza, Sgt. Charles J.—Vincent A. Luza, father, Bryan.

Moore, Staff Sgt. Howard F.—Lee W. Moore, father, Hearne.

Pantano, Pfc. Frank M.—Jesus Pantano, brother, Floresville.

Robinson, Staff Sgt. George H. Jr.—Mrs. Mildred L. Robinson, wife, Aledo.

Thauer, Sgt. Gerard F.—Mrs. Catherine Myrathnik, grandmother, Caldwell.

Woolf, Pvt. Edward—Mrs. Annie M. Woolf, mother, Brackettville.

**Mediterranean area:** Alswoorth, Sgt. William M.—Mrs. Ted Cornog, mother, Tidal Camp, Breckenridge.

Aplin, Staff Sgt. Franklin J.—Jerril F. Aplin, father, Turkey.

Atkins, 2nd Lt. J. W.—Mrs. Rebecca R. Atkins, wife, Route 6, Box 206, Wichita Falls.

Bates, Sgt. Wilburn H.—Mrs. Nedie Bates, mother, Huntsville.

Crenshaw, Tech. Sgt. Leonard L.—Mrs. Ethel E. Crenshaw, mother, 704 West Sears street, Denison.

Farley, Staff Sgt. Ray T.—William J. Farley, father, Roby.

Gilkerson, Pvt. Harley D.—Mrs. Ruth Gilkerson, mother, Box 188, Beaumont.

Godwin, Pfc. Carl H.—Mrs. Mattie R. Godwin, mother, Box 152, Orange.

Gonzales, Staff Sgt. Doroteo H.—Felipe V. Gonzales, father, Robstown.

Haywood, 2nd Lt. John B.—Mrs. Essie Mas Scheler, sister, 718 Wolforth street, Lubbock.

Hockendorf, Tech. Sgt. John H.—John R. Heckendorf, father, Dickinson.

Jackson, Sgt. Robert E.—Morgan H. Jackson, father, 307 Fisk avenue, Brownwood.

Lung, Pfc. Robert L.—Mrs. Maggie Lung, mother, Valley View.

McKay, Pfc. Sylvester L.—Mrs. S. L. McKay, mother, Buckley St., Stamford.

Miles, Tech. Sgt. Lonnie M.—Mrs. Inez Miles, wife, Rusk.

Navarro, Pfc. Jose—Guadalupe Navarro, father, 1510 West street, Augustine, Laredo.

Newsome, Tech. Sgt. John H.—Mrs. Georgia R. Newsome, wife, Sweetwater.

Patterson, Staff Sgt. Kenneth W.—John Patterson, father, Box 1024, Alpine.

Pilgrim, Staff Sgt. James—Mrs. Ona May Kupper and Mrs. J. Thomas of Purdon.

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Special clearance assortment! Light weight coats and suits for year-around wear.

### OFFICIAL CANVASS OF SATURDAY VOTE COMPLETED MONDAY

Returns from the first Democratic primary election were officially canvassed and declared Monday by the ticket committee of the Navarro County Democratic executive committee. There were some changes in the totals of a few races, but in no instance were the results either of state or local races changed by the tabulations as compared with unofficial returns compiled by this newspaper Saturday night.

Changes in the totals included: Hayden Paschall, candidate for the legislature, received 2,326, an increase of nine over the unofficial total.

Jack Thompson, county chairman candidate, received 3,867 instead of 3,927, a reduction of 60. S. L. Hobbs, unopposed candidate for constable, Precinct 2, received 420 votes as compared with 334. The 86 difference was from one that did not report his vote Saturday night.

Bill Burns, write-in candidate for commissioner, Precinct 3, received 50. Instead of 65 credited him in the official. E. S. Allen, write-in for justice of the peace, Precinct 5, received 65 votes instead of 55. G. Healer polled six votes in that race.

Write-in results for precinct offices not tabulated Saturday night included:

E. R. Jackson, constable Precinct 6 (no opposition); J. P. Davis, justice of the peace, Precinct 4, 32 votes; L. Dawson, 2; H. O. Berry, 2; J. D. Vance, 2.

Ben Carroll was elected justice of the peace, Precinct 5, with 58 votes. H. E. Simpson received one vote. A. J. Cockey, 14; Dr. Miller Reid one, and Frank Armstrong one.

L. W. Varnell, with three votes, was named justice of the peace, Precinct 8.

To The Voters

### Of Navarro County

I take this method of thanking you sincerely for past favors and for the best of my ability seek to merit your continued confidence by conducting the affairs of your district clerk's office in an economical, efficient and business-like manner.

E. B. DAWSON.  
(Paid Pol Adv.)

## CHAS. F. BROUGHTON IS NOW STATIONED ON SAIPAN ISLAND

sugar cane is produced on that island.

Broughton wrote of one particular night spent in a fox-hole shortly after landing on a beach, how the dive-bombers came over trying to knock out the Americans' heavy artillery. He wrote of a sniper that infiltrated through the lines, an earthquake, and the shooting down in flames of two Jap planes that made the mistake of flying too low.

Big rains fall there during the Monsoon season. Broughton said some of the Japs acquired a knowledge of English very easily, and that he was learning some of the Japanese language that might come in handy in the future.

In one letter, Broughton said that the landings on Saipan by the Americans was seen from the ship and were broadcast, much like a football game in the rain and mud. Another instance was related seeing a bunch of American troops

## ELECTION RESULTS IN NEARBY EAST TEXAS DISTRICTS

Congressman Nat Patton from the Seventh Texas district. Pickett was elected District Judge of the Third Judicial District over two opponents in the district embracing Henderson, Anderson and Houston counties. He gained a clear majority over Clay Cotten of Anderson county, present state senator from this district, and Ernest A. Landham of Athens.

Tom Pickett, veteran and colorful district attorney of the Third Judicial District, is in a run-off with apprehending and eliminating a force of Nips who had slipped through the American lines.

Pickett is well-known in Navarro county as he has appeared as prosecutor in several celebrated criminal cases sent to Corsicana on changes of venue.

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